



(Constituted in the Republic of Singapore pursuant to a trust deed dated 31 March 2006 (as amended))

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## CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NEWS ARTICLE

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ESR Funds Management (S) Limited (the "**Manager**"), as the Manager of ESR-REIT, refers to an article published by Reuters released on 7 August 2017 entitled "*Warburg Pincus-backed ESR in talks to buy Singapore's Sabana REIT: sources*".

The Manager continually assesses potential opportunities to, *inter alia*, enhance value for ESR-REIT and its unitholders. The Manager wishes to inform unitholders of ESR-REIT that the Manager had been approached by Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd. (in its capacity as manager of Sabana Shari'ah Compliant Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust) to explore options with Sabana REIT in connection with their strategic review.

The Manager wishes to emphasise that there is no certainty or assurance that any definitive agreements will be entered into or that any transaction will materialise from the current discussions.

The Manager will make any relevant announcement in compliance with the requirements of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited in the event that any transaction materialises.

**In the meantime, unitholders of ESR-REIT should exercise caution when dealing in the units of ESR-REIT. They should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisers if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.**

### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

ESR Funds Management (S) Limited  
As Manager of ESR-REIT  
(Company Registration No. 200512804G, Capital Markets Services Licence No.100132-5)

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8 August 2017

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## **About ESR-REIT**

ESR-REIT has been listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited since 25 July 2006.

ESR-REIT invests in quality income-producing industrial properties and has a diversified portfolio of 49 properties located across Singapore, with a total gross floor area of approximately 8.4 million sq ft and a property value of S\$1.36 billion as at 30 June 2017. The properties are in the following business sectors: Logistics/ Warehouse, Hi-Specs Industrial, Light Industrial, General Industrial and Business Parks, and are located close to major transportation hubs and key industrial zones island-wide.

The Manager's objective is to provide Unitholders with a stable and secure income stream through the successful implementation of the following strategies:

- Acquisition of value-enhancing properties;
- Pro-active asset management;
- Divestment of non-core properties; and
- Prudent capital and risk management.

ESR Funds Management (S) Limited, the Manager of ESR-REIT, is owned by two stakeholders, namely, e-Shang Redwood Limited ("ESR") (indirectly 80 percent) and Mitsui & Co., Ltd ("Mitsui") (20 percent):

- Headquartered in Hong Kong, ESR is one of the leading "pure-play" pan-Asia logistics real estate platforms, focusing on developing and managing institutional-quality logistics facilities that cater to third-party logistics ("3PLs") providers, e-commerce companies, bricks-and-mortar retailers, cold-chain logistics providers and industrial companies. Co-founded by Warburg Pincus and backed by some of the world's preeminent investors including APG, CPPIB, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, PGGM and Ping An, our platform represents one of the largest in the Asia-Pacific region managing over 8 million square metres of projects owned and under development across China, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, with capital and funds management offices in Hong Kong and Singapore.
- Mitsui is one of the largest corporate conglomerates in Japan and listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. It is one of the largest publicly traded companies in the world. Mitsui also developed the Japan Logistics Fund Inc., a publicly listed REIT in Japan dedicated to investing in distribution facilities.

For further information on ESR-REIT, please visit [www.esr-reit.com.sg](http://www.esr-reit.com.sg)

## Important Notice

The value of units in ESR-REIT ("**Units**") and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. Units are not investments or deposits in, or liabilities or obligations, of ESR Funds Management (S) Limited ("**Manager**"), RBC Investor Services Trust Singapore Limited (in its capacity as trustee of ESR-REIT) ("**Trustee**"), or any of their respective related corporations and affiliates (individually and collectively "**Affiliates**"). An investment in Units is subject to equity investment risk, including the possible delays in repayment and loss of income or the principal amount invested. Neither ESR-REIT, the Manager, the Trustee nor any of the Affiliates guarantees the repayment of any principal amount invested, the performance of ESR-REIT, any particular rate of return from investing in ESR-REIT, or any taxation consequences of an investment in ESR-REIT. Any indication of ESR-REIT performance returns is historical and cannot be relied on as an indicator of future performance.

Investors have no right to request that the Manager redeem or purchase their Units while the Units are listed. It is intended that investors may only deal in their Units through trading on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**"). Listing of the Units on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Units. This announcement may contain forward-looking statements that involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Representative examples of these factors include (without limitation) general industry and economic conditions, interest rate trends, cost of capital and capital availability, competition from similar developments, shifts in expected levels of occupancy or property rental income, changes in operating expenses (including employee wages, benefits and training costs), governmental and public policy changes and the continued availability of financing in amounts and on terms necessary to support future ESR-REIT business. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on the Manager's current view of future events.

This announcement is for informational purposes only and does not have regard to your specific investment objectives, financial situation or your particular needs. Any information contained in this announcement is not to be construed as investment or financial advice, and does not constitute an offer or an invitation to invest in ESR-REIT or any investment or product of or to subscribe to any services offered by the Manager, the Trustee or any of the Affiliates.